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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is Fourth Sunday after Pentecost. The Epistle is from Romans 6:18-23. The Gospel is from Matthew 8:5-13.

Placing of the Robe of Mary at Blachernae.

Holy Trinity is a diverse and welcoming parish of the Carpatho Russian Diocese, under the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

His Eminence, Metropolitan Gregory of Nyssa, is our diocesan ruling hierarch.

Divine Liturgy is offered Sunday at 10 am. As reminder only those Orthodox Christians who are properly prepared are invited to receive Holy Communion.



Everyone is invited downstairs following Divine Liturgy for Coffee Hour and Fellowship.

Come down and meet Fr. Luke and the parishioners.

Our parish offers many opportunities to pray, to study and learn more about Jesus

Christ and His Holy Orthodox Church.

If you have any questions about the Orthodox Church, our Faith, or our parish please feel free to contact Fr. Luke. He is more than happy to meet with you and talk.

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Schedule of Services and Events for this week

Sunday, July 2, 10 AM –
Divine Liturgy

There will be a Panachida for Katie Helu who fell asleep in the Lord on Friday.

Monday, July 3, 7 PM –
Spirituality Class

Wednesday, July 5, 7 PM –
Adult Catechism Class

Thursday, July 6, 9 AM –
New Testament Class

Thursday, July 6, 4 PM to 6 PM – Monthly Bake Sale

Friday, July 7, 9 AM – Old Testament Class

Saturday, July 8 thru Sunday, July 16 - Orthodox Youth Mission Team trip to West Virginia

Sunday, July 9, 10 AM – Reader Service led by Reader Christopher Mihaly

Sunday, July 16, 10 AM - Reader Service led by Subdeacon Joel Pleban

Wednesday, July 19, 6 PM – Vespers for Prophet Elijah

Thursday, July 20, 9 AM – Divine Liturgy for Prophet Elijah

Saturday, July 22, 5 PM – Vespers

Sunday, July 23, 10 AM – Divine liturgy followed by the blessing of cars for the Feast of the Prophet Elijah

For any emergencies during the week that Fr. Luke is away please call the rectory. Pani Bethany will be able to help direct you to an Orthodox priest in the area.

Please remember to sign up and subscribing on our parish web site www.holytrinitydanbury.org

And to those with a Facebook accounts please like our Facebook page posts associated with the fundraising events here <https://www.facebook.com/htocdanbury/?fref=hovercard> so the word gets out.

Help Re-Stock Our Kitchen: We need paper towels and decaf coffee. Thank you!

Dorothy Day

Dorothy Day—Our next date to serve at Dorothy Day is Friday, August 11th from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. No experience needed. All help welcome for all or part of the afternoon. Service hours available for high school students. See Susan Sulich if you want to volunteer.

Monthly Bake Sale

Monthly Bake Sale—Our next monthly bake sale will be this Thursday, July 6th from 4-6 p.m. at the Church Hall. Many thanks to Helen Galskoy for faithfully managing the monthly sale. If anyone is available to help on Thursday, please let Helen know.

Perogie Dash

Perogie Dash—Our annual Perogie Dash 5k to benefit Healing Hearts of Regional Hospice is right around the corner on Saturday, August 19th. There will be lots of opportunity to help with this parish-wide event before and on the day of the race. Stay tuned for sign-up sheets. We will also be looking for sponsors to help offset the cost of the race. Attached is a 2023 Sponsorship form. All sponsors are featured on our t-shirts and receive additional publicity. If you are part of a business and would like to sponsor the race, use the attached form and attach your logo. Consider asking businesses you patronize to support this worthwhile community cause.

Adult Education Opportunities

We have several adult education classes going on currently that are also online:

Spirituality Class – Mondays at 7:00 p.m. This week we are starting a new book: *For The Life of The World* by Fr. Alexander Schmemmann

Catechism Class – Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. For those studying to come into the Church and those in the Church who want to deepen their understanding and participation in the Faith. We'll be starting a new book soon by Metropolitan Emiliano entitled: *Priest, Parish and Renewal*. **New Testament** – Thursdays at 9:00 a.m.

currently we are reading and studying *St. Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians*

Old Testament Class – Fridays at 9:00 a.m. We have begun **Psalms**.

All classes will take place in the church hall. We will also make them available via Zoom for those who cannot attend in person. (live, same credentials).

Church Store—We have many new items in our Church Store. Check out our selection of books for summer reading, beautiful icons, jewelry, and religious items. We have many children's offerings and items perfect for gift giving. Your purchase also benefits the parish. If there are any items you would like to see in our store, please let Lisa Farrah or Sarah Mannello know.

Millennial Meeting

Each month the young adults of the parish meet up to spend time together and talk about topics that pertain to the ever-looming questions of “How do I adult?” This group is a forum for every young professional, new parent and all others in a transitional time of their life to come together and share the challenges of our ever-changing lives, and an opportunity to set down those cares for a couple of hours and join in fellowship. The group usually meets on the last Saturday of every month. Contact Nick Fong for more information, nickfong1@gmail.com.

Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour—Our coffee hour is a great opportunity to spend time together and share a meal. If there’s an item or dish, you’d like to bring sign up on the sheet downstairs. No one needs to do the whole coffee hour! All offerings are welcome.

OYMT Trip to West Virginia

OYMT Trip to West Virginia—After nearly 10 months of planning and preparing our Orthodox Youth Mission Team will be leaving this Saturday, July 8th to head to Rupert, WV where we will serve impoverished families in Appalachia by helping repair their homes and make them “warmer, safer and drier.” Our Holy Trinity team, Chris Reznick, Ryan McVeigh, Nick and Jennie Fong, Stefan Reznick, Ana Melnic and Susan Sulich led by Fr. Luke Mihaly want to express our sincere gratitude to our Holy Trinity parish family for all your support and encouragement in undertaking this endeavor. We ask you all to please keep us in your prayers for our safe travels and that we may be led by the Holy Spirit to do the work given to us to the best of our abilities and to spread the Love of our Lord to others. We look forward to sharing our experiences with you when we return July 16th. Thank you!

Upcoming Events

OYMT Trip – Saturday, July 8 to Sunday, July 17

Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen – August 11th

Prophet Elijah Day – July 20

Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God – August 15

Blessing of Cars after Liturgy for Prophet Elijah – Sunday, July 23

Perogie Dash 5K – Saturday, August 19

Feast of the Transfiguration – August 6

Parish Garden—Our parish garden is growing strong! Many thanks to all who have planted. We have tomatoes, squash, beans, lettuce, cauliflower, broccoli, pumpkins, peppers, watermelons, beans, radishes and some mystery veggies as well as herbs growing. There is still some space if anyone would like to plant anything else. Anyone is welcome to come and weed or water the garden. We look forward to sharing the harvest with everyone as God provides.

Birthdays – If you have dates of Birthdays or Anniversaries that you would like to add, please let Fr. Luke know so he can include them.

June	
Luke & Rosalyn Mihaylo - Anniversary	30
Helen Galskoy	30
July	
Marianna Paltauf	1
Rebecca Gartner	5
Rachael Gartner	5
Pani Stacey Mihaly	5
Roger & Suad Behrend - Anniversary	9
Katie Tynan Helu	9
Taylor Anne Gartner	9
Martin Villa	9
Martin Villa	12
Suzanne Molineaux	13
Jon & Chrissanth Gross - Anniversary	14
Jacob Villa	16
Father Luke	18
Daria Gross	20
Anna Radcliff	20
Nicu & Anna Melnic	21
Andrea Paltauf	21
Katherine Ann Huott	22
Ryan McVeigh	25
Vivian Szymanowicz	28
Diana Wege	28
Paul Toaso	31

Saint John [Maximovitch], Archbishop of Shanghai and San Francisco

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"... a place of refuge full of love and joy."



Holy Land Pilgrimage—We are putting together a group to go on a trip the Holy Land this year. The trip will take place from Oct. 16-28th and will be led by Fr. Ilya Gotlinsky who we have worked with before and has an excellent reputation and much experience with this pilgrimage.

Our Father among the Saints John (Maximovitch), Archbishop of Shanghai and San Francisco (1896-1966), was a diocesan bishop of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia (ROCOR) who served widely from China to France to the United States.

Saint John departed this life on June 19 (O.S.) / July 2 (N.S.), 1966, and was officially glorified by the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad on July 2, 1994. His glorification was later recognized for universal veneration by the Patriarchate of Moscow on July 2, 2008.

Life

The future Saint John was born on June 4, 1896, in the village of Adamovka in Kharkiv province to pious aristocrats, Boris and Glafira Maximovitch. He was given the baptismal name of Michael, after the Holy Archangel Michael. In his youth, Michael was sickly and had a poor appetite, but he displayed an intense religious interest. He was educated at the Poltava Military School (1907-14); Kharkiv Imperial University, from which he received a law degree (in 1918); and the University of Belgrade (where he completed his theological education in 1925).

He and his family fled their country as the Bolshevik revolutionaries descended on the country, emigrating to Yugoslavia. There, he enrolled in the Department of Theology of the University of Belgrade. He was tonsured a monk in 1926 by Metropolitan Anthony (Khrapovitsky) of Kharkov (later the first primate of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia). Metropolitan Anthony later in 1926 ordained him hierodeacon. Bishop Gabriel of Chelyabinsk ordained him hieromonk on November 21, 1926. Subsequent to his ordination he began an active life of teaching in a Serbian high school and serving, at the request of local Greeks and Macedonians, in the Greek language. With the growth of his popularity, the bishops of the Russian Church Abroad resolved to elevate him to the episcopate.

Hieromonk John was consecrated bishop on May 28, 1934, with Metropolitan Anthony serving as principal consecrator, after which he was assigned to the Diocese of Shanghai. Twelve years later he was named Archbishop of China. Upon his arrival in Shanghai, Bishop John began working to restore unity among the various Orthodox nationalities. In time, he worked to build a large cathedral church that was dedicated to Surety of Sinners Icon to the Mother of God, with a bell tower and large parish house. Additionally, he inspired many activities: building of churches, hospitals, and orphanages among the Orthodox and Russians of Shanghai. He was intensely active, constantly praying and serving the daily cycle of services, while also visiting the sick with the Holy Gifts. He often would walk barefooted even in the coldest days. Yet to avoid the appearance of secular glory, he would pretend to act the fool.

With the end of World War II and the coming to power of the communists in China, Bishop John led the exodus of his community from Shanghai in 1949. Initially, he helped some 5,000 refugees to a camp on the island of Tubabao in the Philippines, while he travelled successfully to Washington, D.C., to lobby to amend the law to allow these refugees to enter the United States. It was while on this trip that Bishop John took time to establish a parish in Washington dedicated to Saint John the Forerunner.

In 1951, Archbishop John was assigned to the Archdiocese of Western Europe with his cathedra in Paris. During his time there, he also served as archpastor of the Orthodox Church of France, whose restored Gallican liturgy he studied and then celebrated. He was the principal consecrator of the Orthodox Church of France's first modern bishop, Jean-Nectaire (Kovalevsky) of Saint-Denis, and ordained to the priesthood the man who would become its second bishop, Germain (Bertrand-Hardy) of Saint-Denis.

In 1962, Archbishop John was assigned to the Diocese of San Francisco, succeeding his longtime friend Archbishop Tikhon. Archbishop John's days in San Francisco were to prove sorrowful as he attempted to heal the great disunity in his community. He was able to bring peace such that the new cathedral, dedicated to the Joy of all Who Sorrow Icon of the Mother of God, was completed.

Deeply revering Saint John of Kronstadt, Archbishop John played an active role in preparation of his canonization.

He reposed during a visit to Seattle on July 2, 1966, while accompanying a tour of the Kursk-Root Icon of the Mother of God. He was laid to rest in a crypt chapel under the main altar of the new cathedral.